

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the section entitled "Abstract of the Disclosure" beginning on page 19 at line 5 with the following replacement section:

-- ~~In one embodiment of the invention, a technique for identifying~~ Identifying a file system element for restoration is disclosed. The technique comprises of receiving a request to restore a file system element; determining an offset ~~[[of]]~~ indicating where a record associated with the file system element is located within a collection of records, wherein the record includes metadata related to stored data to be used to restore the file system element; and ~~retrieving using the determined offset to retrieve information associated with the record from the collection of records.~~ --